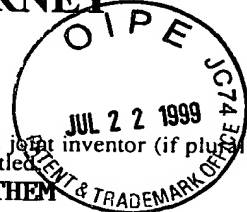


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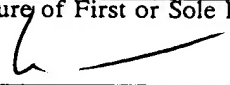
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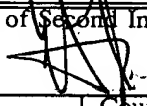
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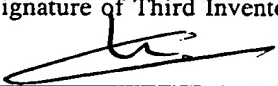
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[37 CFR 1.9(c-f)]

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- (1) ☐ the application attached hereto  
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is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 USC 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of the following:

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